

## Recreational Opportunities:

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Wildlife Viewing

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.*

- No littering. Trash must be removed from area and disposed of in a proper manner.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated camping areas.
- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited except nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal consumption only.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to graveled roadways and parking areas.
- Camping is permitted only in designated area near shooting range and is limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 campers or more must obtain a special-use permit.
- Bicycles are allowed only on roads open to vehicles.
- Target shooting is permitted only on designated public shooting range. Use is restricted between two ranges for single projectile ammunition and shotshells with shot no larger than No. 4.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while on the shooting ranges or adjoining parking lots.

## Fishing and Boating:

*Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.*

- On impounded waters, daily limits are six black bass and four catfish. All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing, pole and line, a twenty-two (.22) caliber or smaller rimfire rifle or pistol, pellet gun, or corssbow, only on waters and within dates and hours those waters are open to fishing or hunting.

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited on all impounded waters and their discharge channels.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife-related activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.
- Electric motors only are allowed.

## Hunting and Trapping:

*Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.*

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except archery antlerless and firearms antlerless permits may not be used.
- Only portable tree stands may be placed or used and only between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Each stand must be identified with the name and address and/or the conservation number of the user and must be removed from the area by Feb. 1. Use of nails or other materials that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by special use permit.

### For local information, contact:

Pony Express Conservation Area  
7163 SW State Route RA  
Osborn, MO 64474  
816/675-2205  
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St. Joseph Regional Office  
816/271-3100

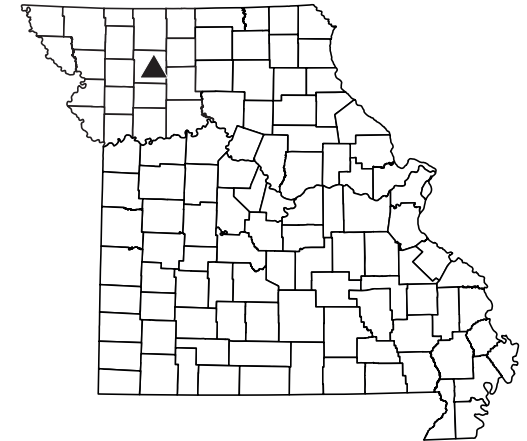
*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.*

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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